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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

INDUSTRIAL SITUATION GRAVE.

SERIOUS EFFECTS ON NATIONAL TRADE.

COAL EMBARGO THREATENED.

RAILWAYMEN AND TRANSPORT WORKERS DRIFTING TOWARDS A STRIKE.

LONDON, May 10.

The railwaymen's leader, Mr. Thomas, departing for America a week ago for reasons of health, predicted that the coal trouble would be settled in a week. The sudden recrudescence of the industrial trouble shows that he was a false prophet. The fact is that the "rank and file" movement among the railwaymen has grown in his absence.

CABINET'S THIRD MEETING.

Like the Clyde dockers they are also refusing to handle foreign coal, thousands of tons of which have accumulated at the ports. Thus the executives of the transport workers and railwaymen are drifting towards the strike which they refused to call officially a month ago. The position is complicated by the strike of ships' stewards against reduction of wages. The Cabinet met to-day for the third time in 24 hours, indicating the gravity of the position.

SITUATION EXACERBATED.

LONDON, May 10.

The coal strike situation has been exacerbated. The executive of the Transport Workers' Federation after a prolonged sitting decided to tighten the embargo on coal the handling of which is likely to defeat the miners. They declared that the importation of coal with the object of defeating the miners was morally equivalent to the importation of blackleg miners. They assert that the blockade will not be loosened and that steps are being taken to consult the railwaymen's organisations with the object of rendering them more effective.

NATIONAL TRADE SUFFERS.

LONDON, May 10.

The serious effect of the coal dispute on national trade is evidenced by the Board of Trade returns for April showing the exports nearly £50,000,000, and the imports £90,000,000, decreases of £46,000,000 and £77,000,000, respectively, compared with April of 1920.

VOLUNTEERS DISCHARGING COAL FROM SHIPS.

LONDON, May 11.

Mr. Winston Churchill summed up the gravity of the situation in these words: "We are at a bad moment. It requires from the whole community an intense effort of a character similar to that put forward in 1914. The Government is preparing to mobilise the resources of the nation to maintain the vital services. Volunteers have started discharging coal from ships in the Thames, at Glasgow and Yarmouth under strong military guards. Similar action is being taken at other ports."

JAPANESE CROWN PRINCE.

LONDON, May 10.

Prince Hirohito received an address of welcome from the Mayor of Windsor. He returned to London where he dined at Lord Curzon's house and afterwards attended a performance at the Coliseum.

LONDON, May 10.

Count Migaguchi has left for Paris.

BRITAIN AND AMERICA.

NEW AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE OF GOOD CHEER.

LONDON, May 10.

The new American Ambassador, Colonel Harvey, arrived at Southampton accompanied by Colonel House.

LATER.

Colonel Harvey, interviewed at Southampton, said that he brought a message of good cheer and hope. "England had more than American sympathy. There was never a time when America felt so keenly the moral obligation she owed the motherland. The great empire and the great republic must get together and save themselves and save the world."

HOME CRICKET.

AUSTRALIANS' MATCH WITH SURREY.

LONDON, May 10.

In cloudy weather before a small attendance with play slow, Surrey made 223 runs. Fender made 57 and Hitch 52. Armstrong took six wickets for 39 and Mailey four for 38. Australia won by an innings and 55 runs.

COUNTY MATCHES.

Sussex beat Warwick by 80 runs, and Kent beat Marylebone by 39 runs. Hants and Yorks, and Oxford, and Middlesex played draws. "Notts beat Leicester by four wickets."

UPPER SILESIAN FRONTIER.

POLISH GOVERNMENT'S CULPABLE ATTITUDE.

LONDON, May 10.

Reuter learns that the promised closing of the Polish and Upper Silesian frontier is nothing like complete. The insurgent leader Korpanty crosses daily and commissariat lorries and trains for the insurgents continue to pass through. The Polish Government has been warned of the seriousness of this attitude.

M. Schamer visited Mr. Lloyd George this afternoon. It is understood he made a statement with reference to Upper Silesia.

ANTI-DUMPING LEGISLATION.

LONDON, May 10.

In the House of Commons, after Mr. Asquith had condemned the fiscal resolutions, the House of Commons by 299 votes 79 rejected Sir A. W. Barton's amendment restricting the duration of the resolutions relating to anti-dumping legislation to one year, instead of five years.

## THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/6 1/8  
To-day's opening rate 2/6 5/8

## SPECIAL CABLE.

OPERATIONAL REPORT.

BOLSHEVIK MURDER GANG.

HONGKONG NOTABLES THREATENED.

(China Mail Special.)

SHANGHAI, May 11.

The native press publishes a sensational report that Russian Bolsheviki have formed a Chinese organization for the purpose of murdering leading personalities in Shanghai, Hongkong, Tientsin, Hankow, Tientsin and other places. The organization is said to be divided into groups of nine men armed with firearms and explosives and its object is declared to be terrorism. The Shanghai Defence Commissioner is vigilant.

TRANS FOR PEKING.

AGREEMENT SIGNED AT LAST.

(China Mail Special.)

SHANGHAI, May 11.

Peking advices received in Shanghai state that an agreement has been concluded between the Ministry of Finance and the Banque Industrielle de Chine for the construction of Peking tramways following protracted negotiations for nearly a decade.

## THE WORLD'S MAILS.

CENSUS TO BE TAKEN.

NO DELAY LOCALLY.

Post Offices all over the world are observing the first 25 days of this month as a statistical period during which all mails will be carefully counted and weighed. The object is to obtain accurate figures upon which to pass international transportation of mails. Formerly this census of mails was a six-yearly operation but the Universal Postal Convention which met in Madrid last May has decided that it should take place in future every three years.

In reply to the inquiry of a China Mail reporter this morning the Postmaster General (Mr. Green) intimated that so far as Hongkong was concerned observance of the regulation would not interfere to any extent with the normal handling of outgoing or incoming mails. "It will entail a fair amount of extra work on the part of the staff," Mr. Green said "but mails will not be subjected to any additional delay."

## COMPANY REPORT.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

The report of the Board of Directors states:—

Your Directors have the pleasure to submit the accompanying Statement of the Company's account for the year ending February 28, 1921.

The balance at credit of profit and loss account available for appropriation, after allowing depreciation is \$600,162.30, and your Directors recommend that this be disposed of as follows:—

To pay a dividend of \$1.50 per share on 239,125 shares.....\$358,687.50  
To place to reserve ... 100,000.00  
To pay a bonus to staff 28,719.24  
To carry forward to next account ..... 112,754.06  
\$600,162.30

Directors.—Hon. Mr. J. Johnston having resigned on leaving the Colony, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was invited to fill the vacancy. This appointment requires the confirmation of shareholders.

In accordance with the Articles of Association Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. G. M. Dodwell retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditor.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., who retires, but offers himself for re-election.

Another reference to the Mongolian dust-storm comes to hand in a private letter from Chiksan gold-mines, in North Korea. The writer describes a strange cloud sweeping over the neighbourhood on April 13 at 40 fathoms at one time that things only ten feet away were invisible.

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## ROMANCES OF CRIME.

## AMAZING DRAMAS OF THE

## COURTS.

## MURDER IN THE RUE PRINCESSE.

An Ex-Official of Scotland Yard, writes in *Reynold's Newspaper*—

Paris claims to have the cleverest detective force in the world; and certainly many of its feats of detection, of which the following is a good specimen, have never been surpassed, probably never equalled in the annals of crime.

Some years ago Paris was thrown into a state of excitement and alarm by the discovery of human remains in various parts of the city. Now it was a thigh-bone picked up in the gutter of the Rue Jacob; now, morsels of human flesh fished out of the Seine and the St. Martin Canal; and again, part of a leg, wrapped up in a shawl, found on the banks of the Marne. And the climax of this sequence of mysterious horrors came, with a gruesome discovery in the courtyard of a small restaurant in the Rue Princesse.

In a well in the courtyard were found two packages, one of which contained a human leg, wrapped up in a cloth. In the other, which was of black glazed calico, was another leg, encased in a long stocking of pale drab cotton, over which had been stitched a fragment of a sock, bearing the following mark:—B + I.

It was clear that a murder of a particularly atrocious character had been committed; and its solution was entrusted to M. Macé, a young police-commissary who had already made a great reputation as a detective of unusual and almost uncanny skill.

Medical experts on examining the remains declared that they were those of a woman, and that they had probably been in the well about a month; but with this verdict Dr. Tardieu, the greatest medicologist in France, disagreed. "Those remains," he said, "are those of a man advanced in years. The instrument used for dismemberment was a cleaver or chopper, and the work has been done skilfully. Accepting this decision, M. Macé set to work to solve one of the most baffling problems ever presented to a detective, the only clues to which were the mysterious mark, and the fact that the victim was an elderly man."

THE STRUCK OF A MAN TAILOR.

He was not long, however, in discovering another and a valuable clue for to his keen eyes the glazed calico cover of one of the persons, the peculiarly knotted ends, and the stitching with black cotton pointed to the handwork of a man-tailor. Following up this clue, he proceeded to

interview the concierge of the house to which the courtyard containing the well was attached, from whom he learnt that, among her past lodgers, was a seamstress, a Mlle. Dard, who had since gone on the variety stage. "She worked for half a dozen people," the old woman informed M. Macé, "who used to bring the things to her. One man in particular came often, and I had fine work with him. He used to spill the water on my stair—the water he carried up for her from the well."

Highly pleased with this information, which confirmed his suspicions of the man-tailor, M. Macé next made inquiries at a chemist's shop opposite the house, and learned from an assistant that the water-carrying tailor was a man whose Christian name was "Pierre," and who lived in the Rue Mazarin. This, and the fact that he frequently brought white waistcoats to be made up by Mlle. Dard, was all he knew of him. It was not long, however, before M. Macé had discovered the ex-seamstress, a pretty little maid, who willingly gave him all the information he sought.

The man who had carried up water for her in the Rue Princesse was, she said, a Monsieur Voirbo, who was now living in the Rue Mazarin. He was a bit of a ne'er-do-well, who spent much of his time in drinking, card playing, and visiting cafes, and who always seemed to have plenty of money. His chief friend was a mean-looking little old man whom he called "Desiré," or "Pere Desiré."

"I saw this man last about a month ago at a cafe with Voirbo," she added. "There was a woman with them—Pere Desiré's aunt, a Madame Bodasse, who lives in the Rue des Nestes, and earns her living by making bandages."

M. Macé's next step was to interview Madame Bodasse, who, in answer to his inquiries, said, "But, yes, I have a nephew—Desiré Bodasse, an eccentric and mysteriously man who lives in the Rue Dauphine on a small private income. I have not seen him for about a month. But no, I am not at all anxious about him, for he often disappears for weeks together. Yes, we were quite good friends. The last time I saw him was on Sunday, December 13, when I dined with him and his friend Pierre Voirbo. What was Voirbo like? Well, he was a short man, who initially wore an overcoat and a tall hat."

When M. Macé next took Madame to the Morgue she at once identified the stockings and socks as having belonged to her nephew. She herself, she declared, had marked the socks with the "B" between two crossed-in-red cotton; and she had joined the socks to the stockings, as Desiré was chilly and could not easily find long stockings that would fit his

large feet. There was thus no shadow of doubt that the murdered man was Madame's nephew, Desiré Bodasse of the Rue Dauphine.

THE EXPERT IS PLEASED.

M. Macé had good cause to pat himself on the back, for he had now established the identity of the remains, and had also learned much of Bodasse's friend Voirbo, who, he had good reason to think, was his murderer. From the Morgue he now went with Madame Bodasse to Bodasse's apartment in the Rue Dauphine, only to find that it was locked, and that no one appeared in answer to his repeated knocking and inquiry. The concierge, however, declared his belief that M. Bodasse was at home. "I saw him this morning in the street," he said, "and there was a light in his room last night. He frequently shuts himself up for days at a time and refuses to be disturbed."

This information was a serious blow to M. Macé; for, if Bodasse was really alive, all his conclusions and suspicions were upset. However, refusing to be discouraged, he next paid a visit to Voirbo's old address in the Rue Mazarin, where he was told that the man he sought was now living in the Rue Lamartine. From his old servant he learned that he was a man of dissipated habits, who had recently married a girl with a good dowry. "Yes," said the servant, in answer to the detective's questions, "He had a friend called Desiré Bodasse. They were very intimate and yet Bodasse was not present at Voirbo's wedding, a circumstance which caused the latter to say, in his hearing, 'The poor fool! I wished him to be my principal witness; but he has chosen to go off on a long journey the very day before the ceremony.' Voirbo really hated his friend, she added, because he refused his request for a loan of 10,000 francs to help him towards his marriage."

This information was highly satisfactory to M. Macé as furnishing a motive for the crime; but, before proceeding further it was necessary to establish whether Bodasse was, or was not, still alive. Returning to No. 50, Rue Dauphine in company with Madame Bodasse, the lock was forced and an entry made into the apartment, which he found in perfect order. The bed, however, had not been slept in, and there was a layer of dust on the furniture, thus suggesting that the room had not been occupied for some days.

On the floor were the charged ends of seventeen matches, and on the mantelpiece were two candle-burners, one empty, the other containing a single candle. As the boxes originally contained sixteen candles, it was fair to assume that there had been a light

in the room on fifteen occasions—an assumption which was confirmed by the concierge, who said that he had noticed a light in the room just fifteen times during the past six weeks, from 8 to 11 p.m.—precisely the time one of the candles would burn.

A SECRET DRAWER.

On examining the contents of the room M. Macé found that a secret drawer in a bureau had been opened. It was of this drawer, Madame Bodasse told the detective, that her nephew had more than once said to her, "If anything happens to me, you will find all my papers and valuables in there. I keep them in an old green pocket-book." This pocket-book was gone.

Was it not possible, the idea formed itself in M. Macé's mind, that Bodasse had been killed; that his murder had then proceeded to his apartment and stolen his papers and valuables; and then, to avert suspicion, had visited the room at intervals, and lit the candles, so as to give the impression that Bodasse was still alive and occupying his apartment?

It now became necessary, as far as possible, to trace Voirbo's movements after Bodasse's disappearance, and M. Macé soon discovered that Voirbo had paid the rent of his old lodging in the Rue Mazarin with a 500-franc share in an Italian company, the number of which

corresponded with one in a list of Bodasse's securities found in his room. Voirbo's old servant also volunteered a statement that, when she arrived at his apartment early in the morning of the 17th of December, to her astonishment she found her master already up and dressed and the room swept out and garnished. "He had actually," she said, "taken the trouble to wash the floor, which was still wet."

VOIRBO'S OFFER.

M. Macé, now satisfied of Voirbo's guilt, before arresting him, decided to interview him; and with this object sent him a courteous invitation to call at his office, which he innocently accepted. He proved to be a short young man, with a round face, black hair and moustache, and a general appearance of energy and strength. When, in the course of conversation, Bodasse's disappearance was mentioned, Voirbo professed great anxiety about him. "In fact," he said, "I am so uneasy about my dear old friend that I was about to call on you to discuss the matter when I received your invitation to call on you. I hope you will allow me, as the one who knew and loved him best, to help you in solving the mystery of his disappearance."

Thenceforth M. Macé graciously accepted, and for some weeks Voirbo led the

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### INTIMATIONS.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, 21st May, 1921, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 25th February, 1921, and electing Directors and Auditors. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th to the 21st May, 1921, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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Hongkong, May 4, 1921.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 48th ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, May 27th, 1921, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1920, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 14th May to 27th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, May 5, 1921.

### BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 53rd ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, May 27th, 1921, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1920, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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General Manager.  
Hongkong, May 5, 1921.

### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 52nd ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings on FRIDAY, May 27th, 1921, at 12.45 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December 1920, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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### INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th day of May, 1921, at NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorized by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Company to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinances under which the Company is incorporated and carrying on business as to allow of the capital of the Company being from time to time increased from 20 millions of dollars the present authorized capital of the Company to 50 millions of dollars.

2. That the Capital of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation be forthwith increased from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 by the creation of 40,000 New Shares of \$125 each to be issued at the price of £10 on the terms after mentioned. Shareholders on the Eastern Registers to pay for their allotments at the rate of exchange for the Company's demand Bills on London on the day on which the instalments are due.

3. That the said New Shares be in the first instance, in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for that purpose, offered to shareholders in the proportion of one New Share for every three shares of which on the 31st day of May, 1921, Shareholders shall respectively be the registered holders, and that any New Shares not accepted by Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their discretion they shall think best in the interests of the Company.

4. That the payment of the sum of £70 per share for each of the said New Shares be made as follows, viz:—

1st instalment of £35 on the 1st of July, 1921.

2nd and final instalment of £35 on the 1st day of October, 1921.

5. That the Directors issue to Shareholders holding shares less than or not a multiple of three, a fractional certificate in respect of each share less than three or in excess of a multiple of three and allot one New Share to every person who shall produce three such Fractional Certificates on or before the 1st day of July, 1921, and pay the first instalment in respect thereof.

6. That after payment of the instalment, and pending payment of the remaining instalment, Scrip Certificates in such form as the Directors may determine be issued in respect of such New Shares entitling the holders on payment of the remaining instalment, and subject to such other terms as to approval, date for lodging scrip certificates and otherwise as the Directors may prescribe, to be registered as the owner of the shares respectively represented by such Scrip Certificates.

7. That interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum be allowed out of the profits of the Company on instalments paid in advance of the dates when the same become due, and that registered holders of Scrip Certificates for New Shares be entitled in respect of such New Shares to participate in the future dividends on an equality with the old shares, in proportion to the instalments paid up, and from due dates for payment of same.

8. That interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum be charged on each instalment not punctually paid, and be paid with each such instalment.

9. That all moneys received from premium on the said New Shares be added to the Sterling Reserve Fund.

FOR THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

A. G. STEPHEN,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 28, 1921.

### INTIMATIONS.

THE JOINT COMMITTEES of the CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION and the KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION invite their members and the Public generally to a meeting for the purpose of passing a Resolution against the increase of the House Rates.

The Meeting will be held at the THEATRE, at 5.30 p.m., TO-DAY, (Wednesday), the 11th May, 1921, and it is hoped to obtain a large attendance.

Hongkong, May 7, 1921.

### CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

### NOTICE.

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(3) That there be an unofficial majority on the Legislative Council with such safeguards as are provided in the Constitution of Ceylon.

(4) That a petition be sent to the House of Commons asking for the support of the Members in securing the above change in the Legislative Council.

To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.

By Order of the Committee,  
L. M. WHYTE,  
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Hongkong, May 7, 1921.

### ROMANCE OF MILLIONS.

EARLDOM EXTINCT.

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### ENGLISHMEN AND ART.

OUR NATIONAL TREASURES.

PUBLIC INDIFFERENCE.

"If the Germans had won the war their first thought would have been to convey a large proportion of the treasures of the British Museum to Berlin," observed Mr. H. Macgrath, Vice-Provost of Eton College, in a lecture on Greek art, at Windsor. "Frankly," he proceeded, "I do not think English men and women care much about the treasures we do possess. We have more beautiful treasures in the British Museum than exist anywhere else in the world. We have beautiful pictures in the National Gallery, but we do not care for them so much as the Frenchman or the Italian, or, to do them justice, the German, care for the treasures they possess. We have never thought about taking away the treasures in Berlin, and I am not sure that it is to our credit at all not to have done so." We were rather different from other people in the war. Our Allies, the French and the Italians, both nations cared for art, pictures and sculpture far more than we as Englishmen did. In 1913 he was in Berlin Museum, and the works of art there were much more magnificently housed, much more loved, and more often seen than the still more magnificent works of art that belonged to Englishmen.

### ROMANCES OF CHINA.

(Continued from page 2.)

police a merry dance through Paris following what he knew to be false tracks. Meanwhile the Commissary, while keeping his man unsuspectingly under his eyes, was secretly forging the last links of the chain that was to lead him to the scaffold; and, when his work was completed, Vourbo was again invited to his office, ostensibly to report progress. The moment he entered he was at once seized by four powerful gens-d'armes, and, after a furious but futile struggle, submitted to arrest.

"Now," said M. Mace to his assistants, "let him be searched from head to foot"—a search which revealed a receipt for the passage, taken in the name of Sara, on a boat that was to sail that very day from Havre—thus proving that his arrest had come just as he was on the point of escaping the clutch of the law.

When the prisoner was taken before the Inspecting Judge at the Prefecture, he assumed a defiant attitude, refusing to answer a single question, and declaring that it was for the police to prove his guilt. "We shall establish that right enough," quietly said M. Mace. "Meanwhile, you are my prisoner. Let him be strictly guarded. I will see him again this afternoon. For the moment there is another matter to which I must attend." This was the examination of the premises at present occupied by Vourbo—an examination which led to sensational discoveries.

In the cellar was found a cask in which was a small tin cylinder containing all Bodas's securities, except the one which had been used for paying his rent. In his workshop were found two pairs of huge shears, recently sharpened; heavy latrons, a formidable hammer, and a butcher's cleaver, together with a bank of cord similar to that used in tying up the parcels found in the well. And on his desk were cuttings from papers, containing accounts of recent murders, including two undetected crimes at which it was suspected he might have had a part.

It now only remained to prove the dismemberment of the body and Vourbo's actual handwriting in it; and for this purpose the prisoner was conducted to his old room in the Rue Mazarin—now occupied by a young married couple—where he was placed on a chair between two policemen. So far from showing any anxiety he prepared to watch the proceedings with a smile of amused unconcern on his face.

### A DRAMATIC INFERENCE.

On first entering the room, M. Mace had at once noticed a certain peculiarity. The tiled floor sloped downwards from the window to the bed in the recess. He had also realised from the quantity and position of the furniture in Vourbo's time that the only part of the room in which there was space to move freely was around the circular table. He concluded, therefore, that if the murder had been committed there, it must have been near that table; and further that probably the dismemberment had been performed upon it.

Then, taking up a jug of water, he said aloud:—

"I notice a slope on the floor. Now, if a body was cut up on this table, the effusion of blood would have been very great, and the blood must have followed this slope. Any other fluid thrown down here must follow the same direction. I will empty this jug upon the floor, and we shall see what happens."

At these words there was an immediate change in Vourbo's demeanour, terror seized him; he could hardly keep his seat; he clenched his hands, his face grew ashy pale, and his staring eyes were fixed upon the water-jug.

The water flowed straight towards the bed and collected beneath it in two great pools. The exact spot thus indicated was carefully sponged dry, and a mason was fetched to take up the tiles of the floor.



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## BIRTHS.

CASSIDY.—On May 3, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Cassidy, a daughter.

HEIDENSTAM.—On May 4, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. von Heidenstam, a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

CLAYTON—PETERS.—On April 25, 1921, at Weihaiwei, Albert Edward, second surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Clayton, Dulwich, London, to Christina, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Peters, Stamford Hill, London.

## DEATHS.

EBRAHIM.—On May 2, 1921, at Bombay, Mr. Rahimulla Currimbhoy, the son of Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim, Bart. (By cable.)

MACAIN.—On May 2, 1921, at Shanghai, Cecilia Eleanor, beloved wife of J. E. Macain, aged 39 years.

FULLER.—On May 3, 1921, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Mrs. Emma Fuller, wife of the late Alexander Fuller, and mother of Mrs. E. J. Harris, and of William and Alfred Fuller, aged 62 years.

## The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1921.

## WORRYING SHIPPING.

Preliminary axiom—"shipping is the lifeblood of this colony." Being the life-blood, backbone, capital cord, and vital viscera of this colony, our shipping must be most carefully sheltered and protected from unnecessary handicaps.

What then? The captain was getting rid of them for us, wasn't he? Why should the police worry about their departure? Their arrival, perhaps. We could understand that.

But our Imperial Government now has a trading agreement with the Bolsheviks. As a people the British (except maybe Winston Churchill) are no longer at war with the Russian Bolsheviks. These eight men might have been traders. Even if they were, the police will answer, they must have their passports.

When is that nuisance going to stop? It was admitted that these men had passports properly issued at Manila for Hongkong. They didn't stop in Hongkong; the charge that they left Hongkong improperly proves that much. They were not issued at Haiphong, because the French wouldn't let 'em land. These men, harmless and lawful at Manila, have suffered a sea change, and become something obnoxious in the meanwhile.

It is hard to see how. If passports are necessary (which we deny) a passenger who gets one should at least get value for his money. A passport should be a passport. These men had 'em. But a passport isn't, apparently, a passport without a perpetual string of visas, each of which costs more money.

The only relieving feature in this case, in which the police made suggestions unsupported by evidence, was the lightness of the fine imposed. Apparently the police wanted the ship fined \$2,000.

Shipping is the lifeblood of this colony. They wanted to let blood that time.

So it was. Too much. It isn't the fine so much as the vexatious and presumably costly delay caused by this red tape procedure.

When are the shipping firms, and the Chamber of Commerce, and every Englishman who has a chance at a bit of pull or push, going to join in the protest against the continuance of the passport and police permit nuisance?

The longer it is allowed to go on, the more firmly the bureaucratic-lobsters will cling on to it.

Passports? Police permits? And we are Britons!!!

Pah!

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Capt. William Brown takes Capt. Richard Owen's place on the Penang Pilot Board.

The first Census count of the population of Kuala Lumpur town gives 81,078, against 47,000 odd in 1911.

During the voyage from Swatow to Singapore a male infant was born on board the s.s. "Euryalus." Twenty-nine stowaways were found on board the same vessel.

As the lamp has been stolen from the unattended light at Hin Kee Cheng (La Foudre), Gulf of Siam, until further notice no light is exhibited from the light post.

The case against Mr. H. L. Tottenham for alleged criminal breach of trust of \$6,000, the property of the Argihan Co., was mentioned in the Singapore Court and postponed for hearing.

The export of rice and padi from the Straits is permitted, subject to the consent of the Food Controller being previously had and obtained with respect to each consignment desired to be exported.

Flogging as a legal punishment is to be abolished in Formosa from May 1. Presumably it has been retained so long on the same grounds as those on which it was retained in Korea—that it was in accord with old custom, comments the *Japan Chronicle*.

According to a report from the captain of H.M.S. "Janet," a submerged stone with nine feet least water has been found in the fairway between Goh Frah, Goh Satahup, Goh Ma and Goh Jaw, in the Gulf of Siam, East Coast, not far from the track of steamers.

His many friends in China will be glad to know that the Hon. Bertrand Russell has been pronounced definitely out of danger. He will not be able to leave the hospital for some time, but, unless something entirely unexpected develops, his complete recovery is assured.

A new coal field containing an immense quantity of smokeless coal, some of it equalling the best grades mined elsewhere in the world, has been discovered in Shantung, and is to be worked immediately by a company which employed Chinese and foreign engineers in the exploration.

A Chinese business man, is now organizing a company with \$500,000 capital to develop the field.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## HOUSING PROBLEM.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir.—This question is to the exclusion of all others the most important affecting this Colony and is still a burning one since the Constitutional Reform Association took it up and had it discussed at a public meeting held at the Theatre Royal some three years ago; but no tangible benefit of any kind has so far resulted from the representations made by that or any other Associations, or persons as evidenced by the fact that rents have risen higher and higher ever since, while house accommodation has become more difficult to obtain.

The reason for it seems to me to be due more to some impracticable recommendations made arising out of the failure to grasp the question thoroughly and take in all its details.

The recommendation to build roads and more roads, especially motor roads, round the Colony and the New Territories is surely no solution of the problem except to cater to the few who find it a pleasure to drive round these places, and the large sums spent on them running into many millions of dollars which could have been better utilized towards solving the problem are thus held idle in the meantime because the long distance and the necessarily heavy expenses for transport not to say the inconveniences and disabilities of which there are many will deter the average working man whose daily avocation is in the City from living in these places.

Nor does the building of houses and more houses close to and easily accessible to the City alone solve the problem any more than it can alone be the means of lowering the high rents now obtaining though it may, if the ratio of its output corresponds with that of the growth of the population, relieve congestion and prevent scarcity of houses being felt for the time being.

More than twenty years ago, when quite a young man, I had occasion to advocate in the *Column of the Hongkong Daily Press* rent-control by the Government as the most efficient means of counteracting or at least arresting the then incipient though heavy rise in house rents as I foresaw then that if some such steps were not taken at the time one could not tell what serious proportion the onward march of the rise in rents might not attain to. And in support of my views an able and very lengthy article appeared in the same Journal a couple of days afterwards by Mr. A. Cunningham then connected with that journal but who afterwards became the founder of the *South China Morning Post*.

After these long years, it gives me pleasure to note that that hard-working body, the "Kowloon Residents' Association," whose success is in a great measure due to its indefatigable Secretary, Mr. W. Jackson also advocated my views, namely, rent-control.

I must, however, say that this measure alone is not a solution of the housing problem, but I emphatically say that, of the several questions which it embraces, rent-control is the best in that the public will be safeguarded against future exploitation by profiteering, if not, unscrupulous landlords because the public is assured of protection; and, working hand-in-hand with the development of buildings, it goes far towards solving the housing problem.

The only question now remaining is how far the building of houses will meet with the needs of the growing population, for growing there is no doubt it is, if we take the past as a criterion and, if measures can be taken to check its growth, then the problem is all solved.

I am fully aware that the objection to rent-control will be on the ground that it is purely an economic affair. Quite so, but having regard to the fact that the Chinese own, say, nine-tenths or more of the properties in this Colony and that a great proportion of these properties are held by owners not domiciled in Hongkong, it will not affect trade if a rent-control measure is adopted; on the contrary it will keep the people from taking money out of Hongkong.

As to the measure for checking the growth of the population of this Colony it must be borne in mind that its growth owes a great deal to the indiscriminate influx from the mainland and other places of natives many of whom are undesirable and a measure of that sort will not be against the law when cognizance is taken of the many cases in which persons were arrested and banished after they had been fairly tried and acquitted in open Court.

Although there are several other minor questions connected with the problem, I have purposely abstained from mentioning them as the several measures referred to above are, in my opinion, the main questions affecting it.

Now with regard to the additional rates of 7 per cent. imposed on rents by the Government, it will be a great mistake and false economy to oppose it as it is a small matter in comparison with the extortionate increases in rents made by most of the landlords from time to time. Besides how can the Government help it when it was urged to undertake many an extensive work at a time when its revenue was decreasing?

When the additional 7 per cent. rates on rent freely contributed by the public during the late war for Imperial purposes was abolished, it was the landlords who reaped the benefit.

There are, however, some landlords who are not only honest but even humane, but they are few in number of whom, I am told, Mr. M. J. D. Stephens is one. If the others prefer not to follow in his footsteps there is the more reason for a rent-control; and, if the Government will see to its being accomplished I am sure the public will heartily contribute twice the rates on rent now being asked, for there will be an end once for all to the vexatious question of high and oppressive rents.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. XAVIER.

Hongkong, May 11, 1921.

A PROBLEM SOLVED.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir.—I notice in your issue of the 9th inst. under the heading "Ancient Human Bones," that ancient bones of human beings have been found beneath a bed of lava in the valley where stands the City of Mexico.

The article contains the following statement:—

"How old are the bones? It is a question nobody can answer."

"They may be 1,000 or 10,000 years old."

"There is no historical record of the volcanic eruption which made the lava bed."

"Undoubtedly it occurred a very long time before Cortez visited the Capital of Montezuma."

Will you kindly permit me to make the following observations, which may help to solve the riddle?—

A careful study of the geological conditions of Mexico, the West India Islands, and the different Island groups of Polynesia, together with their Prehistoric architectural remains, prove conclusively that the volcanic eruption which created the lava bed that destroyed life in the Valley of Mexico City, took place at the same time as the great terrestrial convulsion which upheaved Central Asia and submerged a continent in the Pacific Ocean. This great upheaval and subsidence of land caused a tidal wave, which travelled round the earth and destroyed all ancient civilizations, and this is why no historical record of this eruption exists amongst the natives of Mexico. It is therefore safe to fix the age of these human bones at no more than 5,000 years.

In order to prove that the Prehistoric civilization of Mexico was suddenly wiped out of Existence, it is important to remember the significant fact that the Prehistoric civilizations of Egypt, Crete, Asia Minor, Sosa, Babylonia, India, China, North and South America, Polynesia, etc., were also suddenly ended and wiped out of existence at a time synchronizing with the Deluge of Genesis.

This is the riddle that has confounded Ancient History, and bewildered and confounded the great historians and archaeologists of the world, and the sudden ending of Ancient Civilization, and hitherto inexplicable gap in the Old and New civilizations of all modern nations is proof of the destruction of all Prehistoric Civilizations by the Tidal Wave of the Deluge.

Consequently, the different Continents were repopulated after the Deluge, and this is why there has been so much confusion in accounting for the origin of Prehistoric remains, and why no historical records of their origin can be found.

The history of these dead Prehistoric civilizations has been a closed book and has still to be written, but now that the truth of the Deluge has been established, it will be possible to unravel the complicated tangle and solve the mystery of ages. Yours truly,

TSE TSAN TAI.

Hongkong, May 10, 1921.

Straits hospital fees have gone up. A single-bedded room in IA, e.g. some first class wards in Singapore and Penang is \$12 per day. Details are gazetted and those interested may like to learn that a minor operation may cost them from \$25 to \$100 while a major operation may involve a cheque of between \$50 and \$300.

The Shanghai *Nichi Nichi* reports that two Russians "who have sharp eyes and wear moustaches" have of late engaged in pocket picking on the tram cars. One of them, says the report, wears a military uniform and the other a lounge suit, and they seem to have paid particular attention to Japanese passengers.

A scheme to lease a big forest in the Sotari Range, in the Siberian Littoral Province by American capitalists is well matured. A big lumbering company, with a capital of 100,000,000 roubles, will probably be incorporated by American and Russian capitalists. The Czar Government will also be interested in the scheme.

## SANITARY BOARD.

## 1922 ESTIMATES CONSIDERED.

## DISPOSAL OF REFUSE.

## NEW METHODS DISCUSSED.

Estimates for 1922 providing for the normal extension of the existing staff and equipment were discussed by members of the Sanitary Board at a meeting of that body held yesterday afternoon. Mr. G. R. Sayer, President and there were also present, the Director of Public Works (the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins), the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (the Hon. Mr. S. B. C. Ross), Dr. F. M. Ozorio, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. Chow Shou-sun, Mr. S. W. Tso, the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. W. W. Pearce), and the Secretary (Mr. C. M. W. Reynolds).

With regard to the proposed changes in the Estimates for 1922, the Chairman said that he was not proposing any novelties this year, but merely the normal extension of the existing staff and equipment to meet the remarkable development of the Colony. To give some idea of that development, he mentioned that, in Kowloon, over 118 European flats were erected during the past year, and 29 were in course of erection. In the same period, 70 European houses had been constructed, and 13 were in course of erection; 230 Chinese houses had been erected and 250 were in course of erection. With regard to recent appointments of additional sanitary inspectors, the Chairman said he did not think there would be any necessity for additional sanitary inspectors for ordinary district work. The importance of rat-catching had been recognised by making this item a permanent instead of a casual vote.

## METHODS OF DISPOSAL.

The main increases were for refuse collection and disposal. He was asking for an additional steam launch and additional dust carts, and the necessary bullocks, drivers and scavenging coolies. Last year it was proposed to see what could be done in Kowloon with a motor tractor and trailers. He was now advised that it would not be wise to use a motor tractor, with a string of trailers, in the narrow and crowded streets of Kowloon. He was not altogether sorry that this recommendation had been dropped because he had become more and more convinced that the correct policy was to get rid of refuse by the most direct route to the sea, and for this purpose he was asking the Public Works Department to provide additional dust-boat stations for Kowloon city. He was asking also for the erection of a small incinerator for the reason that Kowloon city should be self-contained. It would be a long way to take refuse to Kau-i-Chau or even to the proposed dump at Cheung-chau and he did not think that a small incinerator would be objectionable. It would also provide an object lesson for those members who desired to extend that system.

With regard to sanitary conveniences, he asked for two in Kowloon, one in Hunghom and one in Bowling Street, Kowloon, at the southern end of Yau-mati. A bath-house was asked for, to be built, in order to save ground space, on the first floor of the latrine at Hunghom. He was asking for a small market at Whitfield and one at the southern end of Yau-mati, and, tentatively, for the extension of the old market at Yau-mati, which did not serve the needs of that growing district.

Turning to prevention matters, the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon asked for a depot at a convenient point, at Yau-mati, in order to carry out inspections of imported cattle, as required by the bye-law. A swine market was also asked for, one of the main objects being to encourage the local production of swine. He moved the adoption of the report of the Sub-Committee on Estimates.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs seconded.

Mr. Alabaster: I beg to propose that the large item of \$45,000 for a steam launch, and all the items with reference to the crew, be deleted. The Government has undertaken to discontinue the very offensive practice of towing house refuse to Kau-i-Chau, where it pollutes the western entrance of the Harbour and every bench at the western end of the Colony. The new scheme will soon be in operation and therefore it seems quite unnecessary to spend this large sum to buy a steam launch which will soon not be wanted.

Dr. Ozorio said that, with regard to the extension of the bullock cart scheme, the Government was putting back the clock. The only thing against the use of motor tractors and trailers was the state of the roads, but as motor buses were to be put on them shortly he saw no reason why they should not be used.

The Chairman, answering Mr. Alabaster, with regard to his objection to the provision of a steam launch, said that they must have some vessel for towing purposes.

## CRICKET CLUB.

## LIMITED COMPANY.

## PROPOSAL CONFIRMED.

The following resolutions passed at an extraordinary general meeting of members of the Hongkong Cricket Club, on April 14, were confirmed at a meeting held in the Club's pavilion yesterday afternoon.

1. That the present Hongkong Cricket Club be wound up, and the Committee be authorised to take all necessary steps for that purpose.
2. That the Committee be authorised to register a Company limited by guarantee, not exceeding \$100 per member, on the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association which will be submitted to the Meeting.
3. That the Committee be authorised to assign and hand over to the new Company when registered, all the assets of the Club.

Mr. Alabaster: We have towing vessels already. With the new scheme, we shall have less work for the old vessels and none for the new.

The Chairman: For years we had three and have been carrying on with two, with great difficulty. One of the three sank; we are merely replacing the old establishment.

Mr. Alabaster: I think it is too much to spend.

Mr. Ross: Do we gather the work cannot be done with two?

The Chairman: It cannot be done. The amendment, having been seconded by Dr. Ozorio, was put to the meeting and lost.

## MOTOR HAULAGE.

Dr. Ozorio moved an amendment to delete the item of bullock carts and include two motor tractors and ten trailers.

Mr. Alabaster seconded.

The Chairman: I might explain, if any explanation is needed after what I have already stated, that experts have given their opinion that it is not wise to have motor tractors conveying a string of trailers through the narrow and crowded streets of Yau-mati. In addition to that, the Public Works Department informs me that the Kowloon roads are not made for the heavy type of tractors which is normally required for these services. It is sufficient for the bus service, I understand. I cannot agree that a system which will involve carrying all the refuse from Honghom, and all the outlying districts, through the streets, is preferable to a system by which you provide dustboat stations at convenient points along the shore and carry the refuse by boat.

Dr. Ozorio suggested that there need not be a string of trailers attached to each tractor.

The Chairman said that it would be enormously expensive if there were a tractor to each cart.

The amendment was lost and the original motion carried.

## REFUSE LIGHTERAGE.

There appeared on the agenda the item: "Proposed purchase of refuse lighters."

The Chairman said he was instructed to ask the Board's opinion on this proposal. In last year's estimates provision was made for two normal-sized refuse lighters. One had been built, but he found it would be more convenient to use the money voted for the other one to build a number of smaller lighters of 10 instead of 100 tons capacity. The size of lighters depended on the amount of refuse to be collected at any particular point and on whether they were going out to sea or not. The latter was really the critical consideration. The present position was uneconomical. Additional dust stations could be established, and, in the event of the experimental dump not proving a success, the small lighters could discharge into the larger and the refuse could again be taken out to sea. Instead of carrying refuse from Shamshui by dust cart it could be carried out in small boats and he asked the Board to register an opinion in favour of this.

Mr. Alabaster: Is there any reason to suppose that the experimental dump will not prove a success?

The Chairman: It is quite impossible to say.

Mr. Alabaster: If there is any question of that, we should go back to incinerators, because dumping at sea is a thing which should be stopped.

Dr. Ozorio: This will increase the number of dust-boat stations and that means increasing the number of nuisances on the foreshore of the Colony.

The Chairman: To the advantage of the hinterland, though I do not agree that it would be a nuisance on the foreshore.

In reply to Mr. Chow Shou-sun, the Chairman said, the proposal would involve double handling, but that occurred at present.

Mr. Alabaster: Will the cost be less or greater?

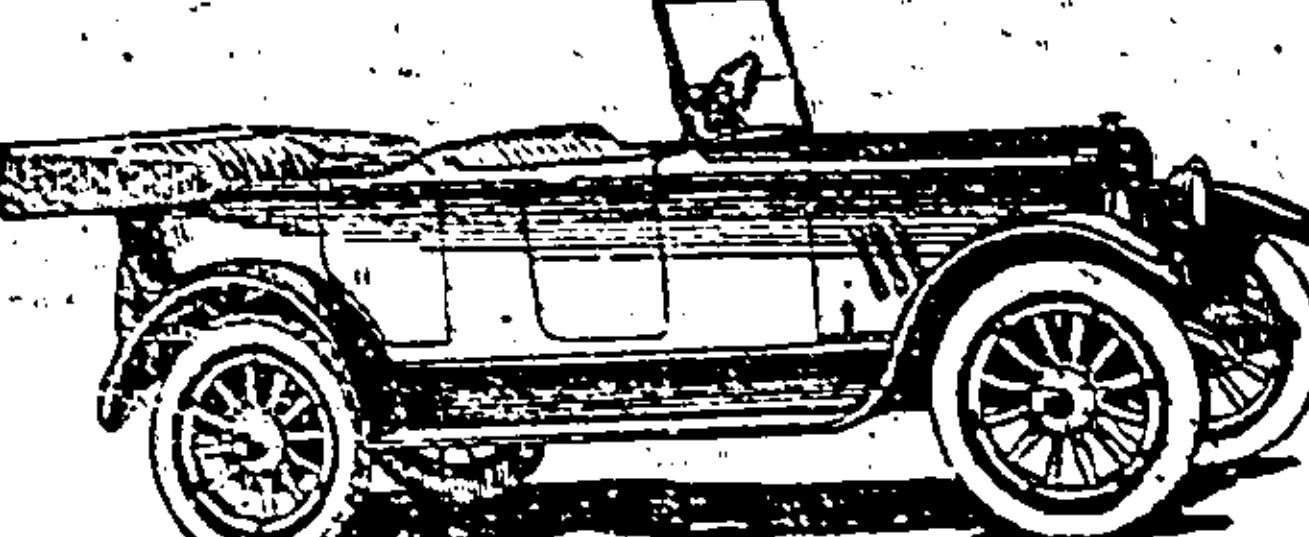
The Chairman said the cost would be \$10,000 as compared with \$14,000.

Mr. Chow Shou-sun seconded the motion and it was carried.

Other business of a purely formal nature having been disposed of, the meeting then terminated.



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## HOME ITEMS.

"I deny that I ever touched her," said a woman charged at Tottenham with kicking a neighbour. "And none of these witnesses have told the truth, because they were not there when I kicked her." Then the magistrate fined her 40s.

Many women are pawning their jewellery at a purely nominal figure before taking their holidays, simply for safety's sake; while many flat-owners are pawning the whole of their wardrobe owing to the activities of the holiday season burglar.

An international Congress of men and women teachers of dancing held at Paris decided to strike out the "shimmy" or "shuditer" dance from their classes. The hope was expressed that it would be possible to revive the value by modernising it with the aid of some new steps, and demonstrations of three new value steps were given.

Mr. C. O. Atkinson, of Twickenham, Middlesex, who left £15,165, says in regard to legacies to his sons: "Should either or both of my sons take to drinking to excess they are to be considered not capable of looking after their capital, and such capital is not to be paid to them until my executors are satisfied that a lasting reform has taken place."

The Insurance Committees of Leicester and Preston are considering a scheme for providing panel patients with nurses. The Leicester committee suggests that the accumulated funds of approved societies, which are expected to reach the sum of £7,000,000 for Great Britain should be drawn on for the purpose. The Preston committee proposes that a nursing centre should be maintained by a payment of 3d. per member per annum.

An emu at the Zoological Gardens bit W. Wheatley, St. Stephen's-road, East Ham, E., so badly, that he collapsed and had to be taken to hospital. Wheatley was feeding the bird at the time.

Ravens have been attacking young lambs and ailing sheep on Exmoor, one farmer having had three sheep attacked in this way within a few days. Shepherds are keeping a sharp lookout for the birds.

The plans which were in progress for creating a motor-boat service on the Thames have broken down, and we shall have another summer with only a few pleasure boats plying on the most interesting river in the world.

Of the 365,707 persons in Government Departments on February 1, 108,807 were women. The staff of the Labour Ministry having increased by 2,778, made the total of Whitehall employees 1,247 over that on January 1.

## WHY

## DOES A HOUSE HAVE CHIMNEY POTS?

The tall chimneys which are characteristic of factories, power plants, and other places where heat is used for the generation of energy, and the chimney pots to be seen on top of dwellings, have much in common, for the two work along the same principle - that a constant supply of oxygen is essential to the burning of a bright, well-heating fire. In fact, the rate at which a draught of air travels through the burning coals is directly responsible for the rapidity at which the fire burns and it is for this reason that the opening of draughts above and below a furnace will cause a rapid rise in temperature, while cutting off the supply of air keeps the flame at a low ebb.

The rate at which this draught of air travels through the burning substance, depends, in large part, upon the height of the flue above the fire, and when a grate or furnace does not "draw" well, the difficulty can often be overcome by the addition of an extension known as a "chimney pot" to the top of the chimney. This has the effect of increasing the draught and operates along the same lines as the towering chimneys necessary to cause a sufficient volume of air to pass through the factory fires.

## ODDS AND ENDS

## MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

## Bushranging in London.

The "hold-up" in Regent's Park in broad daylight of a motor-car with £2,500 of Government money is startlingly like bushranging or the films of the Far West instead of the busy traffic of London. The nearest parallel one recalls was in January 1909, when two Russian Terrorists snatched a bag containing £80 from a wages clerk in Tottenham in broad daylight and tried to escape by jumping on a tramway-car and forcing the motorman, with revolvers held to his head, to drive at full speed for a mile. In the pursuit twenty persons were shot, three fatally; one of the criminals was killed by the police. In the latest outrage there is the same compulsion of the driver by threats of instant death, but, whereas in the Tottenham instance the criminals did not get away, in this they have so far managed to disappear. Fortunately there are descriptions of all the men concerned, and it is hoped when convicted they will learn through the medium of exemplary sentences, including flogging, that London is not the place in which to emulate the exploits of the Kelly gang.

## Haunted False Teeth.

There are those who attempt to account for the failure of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's spiritualistic mission in Australia by pointing to the fact that in that country there are none of those ancient haunts which are essential to the propagation of ghosts. But it is a mistake to suppose that a particular environment is necessary for modern "spooks." They flourish in the least expected places. In a recently published book, Mr. Elliot O'Donnell has subjected a number of the ghosts of London to a searching analysis. One very remarkable spectre, it seems, concealed itself in a set of false teeth, some of which a man had swallowed, with a fatal result. The remainder of the set developed the playful habit of pretending to choke people in their dreams, and of perching themselves on the dinner table. Long after they were melted down they continued to haunt a particular victim's flat in Knightsbridge. With a certain appropriateness, the book which contains this story is published by Nash!

## In Suspense.

The Royal Academy was receiving in mail week the pictures and sculpture submitted by aspirants. Decisions are in suspense. For the young artist this is an anxious time of waiting. The verdict may make or mar him; however confident he may be of the value of his work, he cannot be sure of its appeal to the acknowledged jury of his craft. In the arts the training is long, the work is hard, and the prizes are rare. Great rewards—fame, money, the companionship of noble minds—await the successful. But how few they are. Yet the thought of the innumerable failures and of all the bitter years has never yet deterred artistic souls. There is a toilsome road, and none of those who set out upon it knows whether he or she shall win to the goal. But they tread it because they must. Be their product good or bad or, most pathetic of all, just not good enough, the art within them allows them no choice.

## "The Next War."

A recent visitor to Germany states that the violence of German animosity against the French is a fact of which it would be as well to take note, but that he found this feeling less pronounced in Rhineland than in Berlin and Prussia proper. On the other hand, the sentiment towards "England" is now less bitter, and even approaches admiration. As an example of Prussian mentality and ignorance of other countries, he reports an interesting conversation in which one of the old regime remarked: "We shall never fight England again. We shall be fighting alongside her in the next war." "Against whom will that war be?" he was asked. "Against America!"

Mr. C. R. W. Griffiths, a passenger aboard the "Lalsang" from Calcutta to Hongkong, was taken ashore in Peking, suffering from acute peritonitis, and succumbed. The deceased gentleman was travelling round the world.

## LOSS OF THE "HONG MOH."

## COURTS FINDING.

## DISASTER DUE TO FAULTY COURSE.

## RESCUERS' HEROISM PRAISED.

The Court of inquiry which investigated the circumstances under which the Singapore steamer "Hong Moh" was lost during the early part of last March delivered its finding at the Marine Court today. The Court attributed the cause of the casualty to the faulty nature of the course set and kept. The Court of inquiry comprised the following:—Lieut. Commr. Conway Hake, R.N.R. (President), Lieut. Commr. S. Robinson, R.N. (H.M. Dockyard), and Messrs. W. Davidson, (C.P.O.S.), J. McAnish (master s.s. "Yuenang") and E. Walker (master s.s. "Huiyang"). Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the owners of the "Hong Moh" and also on behalf of the ship's officers.

## HOW DISASTER HAPPENED.

The full text of the Court's decision as delivered by the President this morning was as follows:— "We find that the British s.s. "Hong Moh" official number 85,862 Singapore, of which Henry William Holmes, number of whose certificate of competency is 2279 Hongkong, 2nd, 1921, for Swatow and Amoy with crew numbering 48 and through passengers from Singapore numbering 1135, maximum draught was 22ft. 6ins.

She arrived off Swatow about 9.30 a.m. on March 3rd, but the draught of the ship was too great to cross the bar so the ship proceeded towards Amoy. But owing to persistent representations by the Swatow passengers the Master decided to return and anchored in the vicinity of Bill Island, off Swatow, and signalled for a pilot to take the ship into Swatow. A pilot came off and informed the Master that it was impossible to do so on account of the ship's draught.

At 5.30 p.m. on March 3rd, the s.s. "Hong Moh" weighed anchor and stood down to the south, and when in a position about one or two miles North East or East North East of the Good Hope Cape the course was set S. 85 E. by compass, the compass having a figure one deg. Easterly deviation; speed 9 knots, increased to 10 knots at about 6.30 p.m. The weather was strong, North Easterly wind, rough sea, overcast cloudy and visibility not good.

## MASTER'S INTENTION OBSCURE.

It is not clear from the evidence whether the master intended to pass: 1 South of the Boat Rocks; 2 Between the White Rocks and High Lammoek Island; 3 To the north of the High Lammoek Island.

If he intended to pass South of the Boat Rocks the wrong course was set. If he intended to pass between the White Rocks and High Lammoek Island we are of opinion that the passage would have been dangerous and undesirable in view of the weather conditions and low visibility. If he intended to pass North of the Lammoeks Light the course should have been altered by a safe distance from the Lammoeks light. The course was not altered and the vessel struck the North West point of the White Rocks at 7.20 p.m. on March 3. After the vessel struck, the weather became worse and at 3 a.m. on March 4 the vessel broke in two.

## "SHANSI'S" ACTION COMMENTED.

We are of opinion that after stranding the master and officers did all that was possible to assist the passengers. The sea was too rough to launch boats. At 9 a.m. on March 4 the s.s. "Shansi" of 1984 tons was sighted and closed the "Hong Moh" and stood by till p.m. on the 5th. The sea was too rough for boat work, though this was attempted by the "Shansi." We are of opinion that the "Shansi" did all that was possible under the circumstances picking up all the officers, some of the crew and a few of the passengers who had jumped overboard and drifted past the "Shansi." Many were drowned in attempting this. The master was drowned while attempting to swim from the "Hong Moh" to the "Shansi." The "Shansi" then proceeded to Swatow, with about 45 survivors on board, with a view to getting further assistance. We consider the s.s. "Shansi's" decision to proceed to Swatow where she hoped to obtain further assistance was a wise and proper thing to do.

## NEGLECT OF PASSING STEAMERS.

Distress signals were sent up by the "Hong Moh" after stranding and a steamer was sighted distant two to three miles. This steamer signalled by Morse lamp. No answer could be made by the "Hong Moh" as her dynamo was out of action and the oil signal lamp was of insufficient power. This unknown steamer did not stand by but proceeded on its course. Other steamers were sighted by day on the 4th and 5th and on the night of March 4 at various distances from the "Hong Moh," none passing close. None of these steamers closed the "Hong Moh" or offered assistance. Only in one instance have we any evidence that any of these steamers sighted the wreck and in that case we have been unable to call the master.

The s.s. "Shansi," reported the wreck on arrival at Swatow at about 6.45 p.m. on March 5. The British Consul was informed. The agents of the "Hong Moh" were informed. The former advised S. N. O. Hongkong and requested assistance. The latter sent out a launch on the morning of the 6th.

NAVAL ASSISTANCE. H.M.S. "Foxglove" on passage from Shanghai to Hongkong, when 50 miles from the N.E. of the Lammoeks intercepted a wireless telegraph message from H.M. Consul Swatow to Commodore in Charge, Hongkong, reporting the disaster, and asking for immediate assistance. The "Foxglove" shaped course for the Lammoeks and arrived in the vicinity at 10.30 p.m. on March 5, there was no sign of the wreck in the dark. At daylight on March 6, H.M.S. "Carlisle" which had been ordered from the Pescadores by the Commodore, Hongkong, arrived and the two ships carried out rescue work under great difficulty, and at 5 p.m. "Foxglove" left for Hongkong, owing to coal shortage and engine trouble, with 48 survivors on board. On March 7, H.M.S. "Carlisle" continued the rescue work throughout the day and when darkness set in the rescue work went on by aid of the "Carlisle's" searchlights. At about 8 p.m. Captain E. R. G. Evans, C.B., D.S.O., R.N., H.M.S. "Carlisle," swam to and boarded the wreck and thereby encouraged and assisted the remaining people on board to gain the boats lying off from the wreck. This went on till about 11 p.m. when the operation was abandoned for the night.

At dawn on March 8, the "Carlisle's" boats again closed the wreck and as no sign of life was seen to exist, the "Carlisle" left the vicinity for Hongkong with 220 survivors on board. A small boat attached to the Lammoeks Lighthouse was observed to render assistance by taking people from the adjoining rocks.

THE FINDING. We find that the cause of the casualty was the faulty nature of the course set and kept, which as explained above was either wrongly chosen or wrongly continued. We desire to record the persistent effort at rescue made by the British s.s. "Shansi" during the 4th and 5th March.

The Court are of opinion that had vessels passing in the vicinity and in sight of the wreck previous to the "Shansi's" arrival, closed the wreck and ascertained whether it was practicable to render assistance, and if not, reported by wireless telegraph or proceeded to the nearest port and reported the casualty, many more lives would probably have been saved.

## TRIBUTE TO CAPT. EVANS.

The Court take this opportunity of recording the prompt assistance sent by the Commodore, Hongkong, the speedy arrival of H.M.S. "Foxglove" and H.M.S. "Carlisle" on the scene of the disaster, the skilful handling of the ships, the bravery, endurance and seamanship displayed by the boats' crews of the said ships and especially the heroic action of Captain E.R.G. Evans.

## MURDERER HANGED.

## THE LAST OF THE JAIL BREAKERS.

Yeung Po, alias Yeung Hop Yin, the last of the four jail breakers, who was sentenced to death at the last Criminal Session for the murder of Warder Speed, was hanged at the Victoria Jail at 5.02 this morning. At the subsequent inquest held in Magistrate Orme's Court the usual verdict was returned.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

## Happy Valley Course.

THE above course is CLOSED for play until SUNDAY, 15th inst. By Order of the Committee. J. R. ROSS, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, May 11, 1921.

## ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

## The following Competitions have been arranged.

14th, 15th & 16th May.  
Bogey Pool for Gentlemen over Old Course. Entrance fee \$1.  
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MONDAY, 16th May.  
Mixed Foursome Competition over Old Course. Medal Play.  
Entrance fee \$1.  
Play may commence after 12.45 p.m. The Course will be reserved for the Competition from 12.45 to 2 p.m. By Order of the Committee. J. R. ROSS, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, May 11, 1921.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of our co-proprietors),

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Sailed tenders should be lodged with Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., Calcutta. The tenders which must be in Sterling, will be opened at Calcutta, on FRIDAY, the 17th June, 1921, and must be valid for 14 days after that date. MACKINNON MACKENZIE & CO., 18 Strand Road, CALCUTTA. Hongkong, April 25, 1921.

## TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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## VIII.—THE SIEGE OF THE "UPLANDS."

BY SIXE ROHMER.

(Continued from yesterday.)

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The end of the quest in which Earl Dexter, the dashing American, plays a game of American "bluff" for his own life and that of the nation of these modern Arabian Nights, with Hassan of Aleppo himself.

"They're bareheaded, and in the dark their shaven skulls look like nothing human. They're armed with those damned tubes, too. I'd give a thousand dollars—if I had it—to know their mechanism. Well, gentlemen, dears speak. What am I here for, when I might be on my way to Liverpool, and safety?"

"You're here to try to make up for the past a bit," said a soft musical voice. "Mr. Cavanaugh's life is in danger."

Carnegie entered the room. "Tell them," she said quietly, "what must be done."

"Now," cried Dexter, in his strident voice—putting aside all questions of justice and right—(we're not policemen) what do we want—you and I, Mr. Cavanaugh?"

"I can't think clearly about anything," I said dully. "Explain yourself."

"Very well, Inspector Bristol, C.I.D., would want me and Hassan arrested. I don't want that! What I want is peace. I want to be able to sleep in comfort. I want to know I'm not likely to be murdered on the next corner. Same with you?"

"Yes—yes."

"How can we manage it? One way would be to kill Hassan of Aleppo; but he wants a lot of killing. I've tried! Moreover, directly we'd done it, another Sheikh-ak-Jebel would be nominated and he'd carry on the bloody work. We'd be worse off than ever. Right? We've got to connive at letting the blood-stained fanatic escape, and we've got to give up the slipper!"

"I'll do that with all my heart!" "Sure! But you and I have both got little scores up against Hassan, which it's not in human nature to forget. I've got it worked out that there's only one way. It may nearly choke us to have to do it, I'll allow. I'm working on the Moslem character. Mr. Hilton, make up a fire, in the grate, here."

Hilton stared, not comprehending. "Do as he asks," I said. "Personally, I am resigned to mutilation, since I have touched the bag containing the slipper, but if Dexter has a plan—"

"Excuse me, sir," Soar interrupted. "I believe there's some coal in the coal-box, but I shall have to break up a packing-case for firewood—or go out into the yard!"

"Let it be the packing-case," replied Hilton hastily.

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## FORGERY CHARGE.

## MORTGAGE DEED CASE.

Before Magistrate Lindsay yesterday afternoon, further evidence was taken in the case in which Pan Kuen is charged with having forged the name of his brother, Pan Ho, on a second date of mortgage dated February 2, 1907.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. G. R. Haywood) appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. N. C. Macnamara) for the defendant.

The deed related to house No. 227, Queen's Road Central, and involved a sum of about \$4,000, but the sum was entered on the charge as \$45,000, which represented compound interest on the \$4,000 at 18 per cent. per annum.

The complainant, Chan Pul-chi, recalled and examined by Mr. Alabaster said that

eight years after defendant had absconded he wrote to him in America, requesting the repayment of \$4,000, the amount due on the mortgage deed, \$1,500, being the cost he had to pay in an action brought against him by defendant's brother in connection with the mortgage deed, and \$450, being the amount lent to defendant by his concubine.

After further evidence the case was adjourned until Thursday, May 19.

## OMNIBUS "SPOONING."

## FLEA FOR POLICE SENTRIES AFTER DARK.

An amusing correspondence between the Sheriff of New York City and an anonymous but indignant citizen, who insisted that policemen should travel on the tops of New York motor-omnibuses to check loitering after dark, is published by New York newspapers.

To the statement that couples, "if they must 'spoon,' should be compelled to do it in the privacy of their own homes," the sheriff replies, "Have you no human sympathy? Have you never been out in the country in the springtime and watched the birds on the tree-tops bill and coo?"

"You must surely have observed that beautiful exemplification of spooning," where a fond mother holds her offspring in her arms and the two exchange sweet, affectionate salutations. Such observation, my dear sir, should have given you a more sympathetic view of life.

"If you cannot stand the sight of young people on the tops of omnibuses, you should travel in the Subway (or Tube), where they are thrown into much closer proximity than they ever are on omnibus-tops, and, instead of billing and cooing, you hear only bickering and cussing."

"Companion of the evil one," he said, "it is not written that I shall die by your hand—or by the hand of any here. But it has been revealed to me that to-night the gates of Paradise may be closed in my face."

"I shouldn't be at all surprised," drawled Dexter. "But it's up to you. You've got to swear, by Mohammed."

"Salla—'lilahu 'aleyni wassallimu!"—That you or any of your followers will not lay a hand upon any living soul who has touched the slipper or had anything to do with it, but that you will go in peace."

"You are doomed to die!" "You don't agree, then?"

"Those who have offended must suffer the penalty!"

"Right!" said Dexter—and prepared to toss the slipper into the heart of the fire.

"Stop! Infidel! Stop!" There was real agony in Hassan's voice. To my inexpressible surprise he dropped upon his knees, extending his lean hands toward the slipper.

Dexter hesitated. "You agree, then?"

Hassan raised his eyes to the ceiling. "I agree," he said. "Dark are the ways. It is the will of God."

Dimly the booming of thunder came echoing back to us from the hills. Above its roll sounded, a barbaric chanting to which the drums of angry heaven formed a fitting accompaniment.

I heard Soar shouting the "bols" again upon the going of our strange visitor.

Faint and more faint grew the chanting until it merged into the remote muttering of the storm—and was lost. The quest of the Sacred Slipper was ended.

THE END.

## OLD BAILEY COLLAPSE.

## A COINCIDENCE.

## THE 1918 EARTHQUAKE RECALLED.

A verdict of "accidental death" was returned by the Coroner's jury yesterday afternoon at the conclusion of the enquiry into the circumstances attending the death of the victims of the Old Bailey house collapse. A rider was added to the effect that the jury were of the opinion that every precaution had been taken to prevent a collapse, and from the evidence submitted, they had no means of ascertaining the cause of the collapse.

The only witness to be examined yesterday afternoon, was Mr. J. W. White, Engineer in charge of Buildings, (P.W.D.). The witness said that his duties included the passing of plans. The office records failed to show the date of the construction of the Old Bailey Buildings, but they would probably be some 40 or 50 years old. He had received no previous information with regard to the dangerous condition of any of the houses in the block, with the exception of house No. 17 which was damaged as the result of an earthquake in 1918.

The Coroner: You regard the damage as being due to the earthquake?

The Witness: Due both to the earthquake and to old age.

The Coroner: That in itself did not give you any reason to suppose that the other houses were unsafe?

No.

The witness went on to say that the next occasion on which he had received any information about the Old Bailey houses was when he received Mr. Weaver's plans for alterations to house No. 11. The plans submitted by Mr. Weaver complied with the requirements of the Building Ordinance, and were accordingly passed by witness.

Having regard to the later history of the buildings, he would not hesitate to approve similar plans again. If plans complied with the Ordinance, the witness had no power to reject them.

After passing the plans, the witness did not hear any more about the house until the afternoon of April 12, when he received a report that the party wall between Nos. 11 and 13 was cracking and he at once took steps to have it shored up. The wall between Nos. 9 and 11 then appeared to be quite safe. About 6.30 a.m. on the 13th, he received information of the collapse of the party wall between Nos. 9 and 11. He made enquiries as to the collapse and after examination of the buildings, he came to the conclusion that the building had come to the end of its tether and that the collapse was due to old age. The fact that the wall between Nos. 9 and 11, which on the previous day appeared quite safe to him, had collapsed, instead of the wall between Nos. 11 and 13, was a mere coincidence.

The walls were of poor construction, consisting of blue bricks, which deteriorated with age, and mortar which also deteriorated. The witness added that in looking through records he found that as long ago as 1903 tie rods had been placed in several houses of the block. He believed the houses were formerly designed and built as three storey houses, and that they were later altered to four storeys, and that the rear portions were made into five storeys. That would throw an additional weight on the buildings which they were not designed to carry.

Questioned as to the effects of the corbelling on the building, Mr. White said he could not express an opinion. It all depended how the work was carried out. The front alterations appeared to have been done in a satisfactory manner and it was only fair to assume that the corbelling was properly done. Work of this character would not, in his opinion, be dangerous, provided it was done properly. The buildings had been frequently repaired during the last 20 years.

The Coroner pointed to the fact that two walls, apparently independent were involved—the wall between Nos. 9 and 11, which collapsed, and that between Nos. 11 and 13, which was cracked and had to be shored up.

The witness replied that it was a coincidence. Both were due to his opinion, to the age and condition of the buildings and not to any common cause.

Mr. Lo: In spite of the occurrence of these two important facts, you say that it was a coincidence?

Witness: I think it was a coincidence.

You agree that there are two alternatives in which the collapse can be contributed, the one being accidental and the other due to faulty repairs? Yes, I agree that there are two alternatives.

The one alternative depends on the rather miraculous coincidence of old age, the use of blue bricks, etc.—Yes.

And the other depends on the infallibility of an ordinary Chinese contractor?—Yes.

Have you much faith in Chinese contractors carrying out work properly without supervision?—It depends upon the class of work they are engaged upon.

Are Chinese contractors to be trusted when they are not absolutely under supervision? Haven't you had cases brought to your notice where they are not to be trusted?—We have had cases.

And in this particular case the contractor has run away?—I have been informed so.

In view of this additional fact that the contractor has disappeared and has failed to come forward to give evidence, do you still pin your faith to the idea that this was a coincidence?—I think the contractor ran away without stopping to think.

What I should like to know is why you assign the collapse to a miracle—a coincidence rather than to something which is feasible such as faulty construction? What makes you think it was a coincidence and not faulty construction?—I have had experience of buildings collapsing without any cause whatever, simply due to old age.

The witness, further questioned, held that the collapse was due solely to old age and not to the fact that the work was not carried out properly.

Mr. Lo: You can give no further reason than that you have already given?—My opinion is also based upon my experience for a number of years and to my knowledge of buildings in Hongkong, which are all gradually coming to the end of their tether.

The witness agreed that if the corbelling was done in long lengths that would cause a certain amount of danger. He did not know how it was done.

Mr. Lo: Then as far as the evidence that has been given goes, you do not know whether the collapse was due to a coincidence or due to faulty construction?—That is the case.

You regard careful supervision as being necessary? In cases of buildings like these, yes.

The impression left on my mind was that it was absolutely dangerous to touch it—That is being wise after the event. It is only by turning up the history of the buildings that we have been able to discover this.

Mr. Lo: But you can tell by merely looking at the building whether it is old or not. When you have a building of this description it seems to me very important that there should be strict supervision during the course of the carrying out of the alterations.

Further questioned, the witness said he saw no reason why workmen should not be employed until 3 o'clock in the morning if circumstances necessitated it.

Replying to Mr. Turner, Mr. White stated that if the corbelling was done in excessive lengths before 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the 12th, he would have expected the representative of the P.W.D. to have found cracks on the wall. As a matter of fact no cracks were found on this particular wall.

The absence of cracks, the witness added in reply to Mr. Lo, would probably not indicate that the corbelling was not done in excessive lengths.

At the conclusion of the evidence, the Coroner repeated to the jury his opening remarks as to what was expected of them in this case, and added that it was open to them to make any recommendation or suggestion as to the immediate or future safety of the buildings, which might arise out of the evidence.

Without retiring, the jury returned the verdict reported above.

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## POPULATING AUSTRALIA.

## A COMMONWEALTH SCHEME.

Realising that Australia cannot possibly hope to face the future successfully without a greatly increased population, the Federal and State Governments of the Commonwealth are in an endeavour to increase the flow of immigration. A joint Commonwealth and States' immigration scheme has just been completed and the machinery of the organisation is ready to operate. The Commonwealth will be responsible for the recruiting of the immigrants abroad and will make the necessary arrangements for their transport to Australia. Under the system adopted it will cost intending immigrants £28 each for the steamer fare from England to any port in the Commonwealth. At present the lowest third class fare from the United Kingdom to Australia is £40. The new rates of Commonwealth assistance will apply only to such British people as are not eligible for the free passages given by the British Overseas Committee to ex-service men and their dependants. The aim of the current year is to confine immigration activities as far as possible to ex-service men and women and their children. With a view to further opening up the heart of Australia the Federal Government is considering a project for the construction of a railroad from South Australia to Darwin thus providing land communication across the continent from the South to the North. The enterprise, however, will cost at least £22,000,000 and it is not likely to be put in hand for some years to come.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters' Service to the China Mail.)

## JAPANESE CROWN PRINCE.

LONDON, May 10th. The Prince of Wales and Prince Hirohito, with their suites, left London by the royal train to Windsor at 11.45 a.m. There was a display of flags at the station. Prince Hirohito held an informal reception in the waiting room. The platform was crowded. The train arrived at Windsor at 12.15 p.m. The station was gaily decorated. The prince drove to the Castle in royal carriage. The route was beflagged and was lined with cheering crowds numbering thousands up to the approaches of the Castle. The crowds acclaimed the visitor, who was received by the Marquess of Cambridge.



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